



NEWS RELEASE

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MIDDLE OF BUCKHORN PROJECT TO RESUME

REDDING –The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and contractor Mercer Fraser will resume construction on the Middle of Buckhorn Project, which will straighten curves and add a truck climbing lane on State Route 299 west of Redding. The \$14 million project is located 17 miles west of Redding to 4.3 miles east of the Trinity county line. During construction, which is estimated to begin May 1, 2012, travelers and residents in the area can expect delays of up to 20 minutes.

This project is designed to reduce the number and severity of accidents and includes:

- Realign the highway to decrease the number of curves
- Add a continuous two-mile, straighter truck climbing lane that will allow safer passing opportunities
- Add a four-foot wide “soft median” between opposing lanes of traffic
- Add shoulders and improve the clear recovery zone
- Increase the advisory curve speed limit from 25 mph to 35 mph
- Eliminate 18 STAA (Surface Transportation Assistance Act) truck restrictions

The project is anticipating being completed in the summer of 2013.

For more information contact the District 2 Public Information Office at (530) 229-0511.

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